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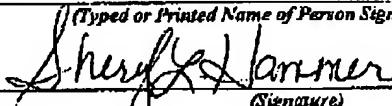
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RE: SN 10/679,833

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Applicant(s): Ferree		Docket No. BAF-15302/29	
Application No. 10/679,833	Filing Date Oct. 6, 2003	Examiner David Comstock	Group Art Unit 3732
Invention: REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND COMPONENTS THEREFOR			
<p>I hereby certify that this <u>Amendment, Amendment Transmittal Letter</u> <small>(Identify type of correspondence)</small> is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. <u>703/872-9306</u>) on <u>April 5, 2005</u> <small>(Date)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sheryl L. Hammer</u> <small>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)</small>  <small>(Signature)</small></p>			
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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)					Docket No. BAF-15302/29
In Re Application Of: Ferree					
Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/679,833	10/06/2003	David Comstock	25006	3732	3712
Invention: REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND COMPONENTS THEREFOR					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>October 5, 2004</u> in the above-identified application.					
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):					
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from: <u>January 5, 2005</u> <i>Date</i>			until: <u>April 5, 2005</u> <i>Date</i>		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.					
The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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TOTAL CLAIMS	12 -	20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

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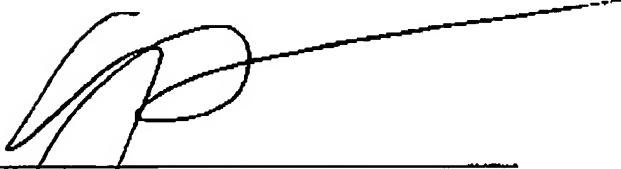
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